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Former naval site to become park

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SEATTLE -- Land that once housed naval officers will soon be home to youth athletic fields.

King County and the city of Seattle completed the purchase a 7.33-acre Interbay property with funds from the city's 2000 Pro Parks Levy and \$3 million from the county's wastewater division capital budget.

The purchase includes a 2.4-acre segment on West Galer Street on **Magnolia** Bluff, west of the **Magnolia Bridge**, and a 4.9-acre segment along 23rd Avenue West.

The Smith Cove property was used a train yard before the Navy acquired it during World War II for use as officers' quarters and an embarkation point